

The Day the Crayons Quit

AUTHOR: Drew Daywalt

ILLUSTRATOR: Oliver Jeffers

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ART MEDIUM: crayons

GENRE: fantasy

LIFE SKILLS: humor, fantasy

SYNOPSIS:

Duncan's crayons go on strike. Their complaints include that they are used too much, that they aren't used enough, and that they are not called the correct color. How will Duncan make his crayons happy?

BOOKTALK:

How many of you enjoy coloring? What colors do you like to use the most? Which colors do you like to use least? This book is about a boy named Duncan and his crayons. Duncan's crayons decide to quit working because of some complaints they have. Will Duncan be able to make his crayons happy?

AUTHOR:

Drew Daywalt <http://www.kidlit411.com/2014/03/kidlit411-Drew-Daywalt-Author-Spotlight.html>

Drew Daywalt has worked in Hollywood on films, and this book is his very first children's book. He got the idea from staring at a box of crayons and noticed that some weren't used as much as others. He has stories living in his head and gets to write them down in the evenings because he is a very busy father!

Other books written by the author:

None

ILLUSTRATOR

Oliver Jeffers <http://www.oliverjeffers.com>

Oliver Jeffers is an Australian-born children's illustrator and painter. Some of his work is featured in the National Portrait Gallery in London. He has illustrated several children's books, which have received rewards including New York Times Best Illustrated Book.

Other books illustrated by the illustrator:

This Moose Belongs To Me

Hueys - It Wasn't Me

Hueys - The New Jumper

Stuck
Up and Down
Heart and the Bottle
The Great Paper Caper
The Way Back Home
Incredible Book Eating Boy
Lost and Found
How to Catch a Star
Visit Oliver Jeffers World
None the Numbers: A Hueys Book

CHALLENGING WORDS (...due to pronunciation, spelling and/or defining):

engines
gorgeous
beige
elephants
humpback whales
penguins
crocodiles
rhinos
dinosaurs
congratulate
successful
brilliantly
oceans
princess
occasional
embarrassed
tattletale
creativity

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the problem in the story?
2. What did Duncan do to solve the problem?
3. Is there something else he could have done?
4. What would have happened if Duncan didn't solve the issues?
5. What is your favorite color to use and why?
6. What do you think your crayons would say to you?
7. Who would you use as the color of the sun Orange or Yellow and why?
8. Which crayon had the best reason to quit?

ACTIVITIES with CORE STANDARDS

Language Arts

- Pick another color crayon. Write a letter to Duncan about how you are abused.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.2.5

- Using every crayon in your box, draw a picture much like Duncan did.

K.6.1 Use objects or animals from the real world as subject matter for artwork.

K.6.4 Demonstrate thoughtfulness and care in creating artwork.

- Look at the crayons in your box- now write letters taking their viewpoint, what would they say to you?

3.W.6.1 Demonstrate command of English grammar and usage.

3.W.4 Apply the writing process to – Generate a draft by developing, selecting and organizing ideas relevant to topic, purpose, and genre; revise to improve writing, using appropriate reference materials.

- Have different students act out the crayons in the story using their own words based upon the text.

2.SL.4.2 Create simple presentations that maintain a clear focus, using various media when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

- Have the students fold a paper in half and have them identify the author's name and the illustrator's name explaining how they make the book complete together. Have them draw a pencil on one side for the author and a crayon on the other for the illustrator. Have them write one or two of the author's words under the pencil and draw a picture under the crayon.

K.RI.6 Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.

RELATED INTERNET SITES:

- <http://www.kidlit411.com/2014/03/kidlit411-Drew-Daywalt-Author-Spotlight.html> (author)
- <http://www.oliverjeffers.com/> (illustrator)
- <http://www.oliverjeffers.com/about.aspx> (illustrator)

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